James Edward Goldthorpe



Rank: - Private

Number: - 2309783

Regiment: - American Forces 165th Infantry

Killed in Action: - 18th July 1918 aged 28 years

Cemetery: - Oisne-Aisne, France

Batley News, 13 Sep 1918



Family Details

James Edward was born in Batley on the 15th October 1890 the son of Herbert and Sarah Lydia Goldthorpe (nee Lockwood) who had married at Batley Parish Church on 28th July 1888. Ada had been born in November 1888.

Herbert had previously married Martha Jane Galloway and Sarah Ann was born in 1882 but sadly Martha Ann died in January 1884 when the family lived at Carlinghow, aged 23 years.

In 1891 when the census was taken the family was living at 22, Back Woodwell Street, Batley and Herbert was employed as a beamer in a woollen mill.

Elsie was born in 1893 followed by Bertha 1896, Esther was born in 1897 but sadly died aged 3 weeks, and Annie Elizabeth died aged 10 weeks in February 1900 and Elizabeth "Hetty" in 1901. The family had now moved to live at 5, Back Woodwell Street, Batley.

James attended Batley Parish Church School and was connected with Hanover Street Congregational Church.

After leaving school James worked with his father at Little Dock Ings Mill,

In 1909 the family left Liverpool on 11th September arriving in New York on board the "Campania" on the 18th September 1909. They settled at Fort Plain, New York.

On 1st June 1915 Herbert, Sarah and their children James, Elsie and Bertha were living in Fort Worth, Montgomery County, New York. Herbert was working as a cutter.

Service Details

James Edward enlisted in the American Army on 25th January 1918 and came back To Europe to fight in France on the 12th March 1918. His parents received a notification of his death and they sent the details to their former friends and neighbours Mr. & Mrs. W. Lockwood who lived at 7, Cross Woodwell Street, Batley said the young soldier was killed on 18th July

"We are, as you will know almost broken-hearted, because he has always been a good lad. Never one minute of trouble have we had; always willing to do all he

could for those at home and those around him. We have the sympathy of all the folk at Fort Plain. He was held in esteem both in the church and outside. The flag of the town was put at half-mat for he is the first man to be killed from here and the first business man in the village also....WE pray your boys may be spared and brought back to you in safety and that God will bless and protect you all until this terrible war is ended. One of the last things he (deceased) did was to bring his pal to join the church and this has been his mission all the while just giving himself in service to his Lord and Master."

In 1929 the American Government asked if mothers would like to visit Europe to see where their sons had fallen. (Pilgrimage of Grace) and Sarah Lydia opted to return to Europe in 1930.

James Edward is remembered with Honour at Batley War Memorial Addenda 2019.



Enumeration of the Inhabitants of Block No. X, Election District No. 2, Ward No. X, City or Village Fort Plain
Assembly District No. 1, County Montgomery, State of New York, June 1, 1915.
Name of Institution X
Enumerated by Walter R. Hoag

PERMANENT RESIDENCE	NAME	RELATION	COLOR, SEX AND AGE	NATIVITY	CITIZEN SHIP	OCCUPATION
1	2	3	4 5 6	7	8 9	10 11
Webster 442	Rood Howard S	Son	W M 24	U.S.		Farm Laborer
Webster 446	Washburne Geo. T	Head	W M 57	U.S.	Out	Retired Farmer
Webster 446	Washburne Emma	Wife	W F 58	U.S.	Yes	Housework
Cromac 37	Goldthorp Hubert	Head	W M 51	England	0 Yes	Farmer
Cromac 37	Goldthorp Sarah	Wife	W F 52	England	5 Yes	Housework
Cromac 37	Goldthorp James E	Son	W M 23	England	5 Yes	Cutter Knit Goods
Cromac 37	Goldthorp Elsie	Daughter	W F 21	England	5 Yes	Finisher Knit Goods
Cromac 37	Goldthorp Bertha	Daughter	W F 19	England	0 Yes	Learner Knit Goods
Cromac 37	Goldthorp Elizabeth	Daughter	[illegible]	England	5 Yes	School
Cromac 37	Collins John W	Head	W M 32	U.S.	Yes	Electrician
Cromac 37	Goldthorp Ada	Wife	W F 26	England	5 Yes	Housework
Cromac 33	Billington John C	Head	W M 44	U.S.	Yes	Grain Coal Hay
Cromac 33	Billington Martha	Wife	W F 43	U.S.	Yes	Housework
Cromac 33	Billington Harry S	Son	W M 20	U.S.	Yes	Stenographer
Cromac 33	Snyder Harry	Head	W M 45	U.S.	Yes	Mechanic
Cromac 31	Phillips George E	Head	W M [illegible]		Yes	Lawyer
Cromac 31	Phillips Louise	Wife	W F 34	U.S.	Yes	Housework
Cromac 31	Phillips Elsie C	Daughter	W F 25	U.S.	Yes	Teacher

Goldthorpe, James E. (2309783)

AGE.	DATE OF COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN STATE SERVICE.				MUSTERED.					
	Inducted WHEN.			HOME STATION OR COMPANY RENDEZVOUS.	WHEN.			GRADE.	COMP'Y	REG'T
YEARS.	DAY.	MONTH.	YEAR.		DAY.	MONTH.	YEAR.			
	25	Jany	1918	Fonda, N.Y.	25	Assigned Jany	1918	Pvt	[illegible]	1st Trng Bn 151 Dep Brig
	DATE OF APPEARING.			Transfd. 6 Co. 1 Trng Regt.	6	April	1918	Pvt	[illegible]	165 Inf
			1917							

LEFT THE ORGANIZATION.

HOW.	WHEN.			IN WHAT GRADE.	EXPLANATION.
	DAY.	MONTH.	YEAR.		
Killed	18	July	1918	Pvt	in action.

REMARKS: Transfd 2/13/18 from 3d Co. 1st Trng Bn 151 Dep Brig to 14 Co. 4th Trng Bn 151 Dep Brig. Transfd 2/25/18 to 2d Co. Camp Devens Mch. Replacement Dft. Camp Merritt, N.J. Transfd 3/25/18 to 6th Co 2d Bn 1st Inf Trng Regt 1st A.H. Corps to Apr 6/18. Served overseas fr Mch 12-18 to July 18-18 Engagements: Champagne.

Age 26 3/12 years; height ..... feet ..... inches; complexion ..... ; eyes ..... ; hair ..... ; born Batley, Eng ; occupation ..... ; residence 37 Cross St. Fort Plain, N.Y. ; married or single; name and address of wife or (if single) of parent or guardian Herbert Goldthorpe, 37 Cross St. Fort Plain, N.Y. ; relationship Father

person notified of death

Form 1 1146 X REGISTRATION CARD No. 47

1 Name in full James Edward Goldthorp Age in yrs 26

2 Home address 37 Crouse Fort Plain NY

3 Date of birth October 15th 1898

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Declarant

5 Where were you born? Batley England

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? England

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Thor Manufacturer 21

8 By whom employed? Self

Where employed? Fort Plain NY

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? No

10 Married or single (which)? Single Race (specify which)? Caucasian

11 What military service have you had? Rank None ; branch ..... ; years ..... ; Nation or State .....

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? None C

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

James E. Goldthorpe

31-2-11-A

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1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? Medium Slender, medium, or stout (which)? Medium

2 Color of eyes? Grey Color of hair? Brown Bald?

3 Has person lost eyes, lost hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? No

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

(Signature of registrar)

Precinct 3rd

City or County Mont.

State New York

June 15th 1917